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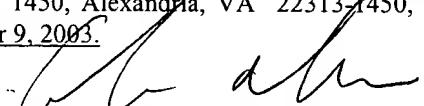
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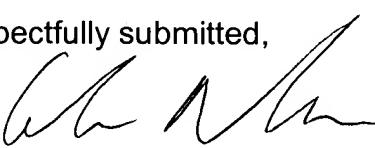
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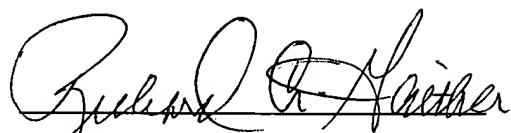
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A Statement Under 37 CFR §3.73(b) establishing the right of Roche Vitamins Inc. to take action in this matter is attached as Exhibit A.

Dated: 12/4/03



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